

## May 2 PARKS BOND Referendum

# Parks

### Summary

New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington are collaborating on a combined \$35.5 million bond referendum to expand parks, green space and cultural facilities throughout Wilmington, New Hanover County and the beach towns.

Using the bonds to purchase park lands and improve recreation areas throughout Wilmington and New Hanover County can be done with no city tax increase and, if needed, a county increase of about \$1 per month per \$100,000 of property valuation.

### Current Situation

Master plans and public meetings over the last year reveal:

- The city lags behind the national average in park space per person
- Many facilities need to be upgraded
- There is a primary need to buy now - available land is disappearing while prices are going up

**Total Parks Projects**  
**\$35,500,000**



### Projects

#### City/County Joint Parks

Softball/Baseball/Tennis ..... 7,500,000  
**City/County Joint Total ..... 7,500,000**

#### Beach Town Parks

Carolina, Kure and Wrightsville Beaches ..... 600,000  
(each town receives \$200,000)  
**Beach Towns Total ..... 600,000**

#### City Parks

ADA Improvements ..... 600,000  
Alderman Park ..... 200,000  
Annexation Area Parks ..... 2,500,000  
Downtown Parks ..... 1,000,000  
Greenfield Park Amphitheater ..... 500,000  
Love Grove Park ..... 400,000  
Maides Park ..... 900,000  
Martin Luther King Center ..... 600,000  
Natatorium ..... 700,000  
NorthSide Splash Pool ..... 400,000  
Bike/Greenway System ..... 1,000,000  
Park Land Purchase ..... 4,700,000  
10th & Fanning Complex ..... 100,000  
**City Total ..... \$13,600,000**

#### County Parks

Veterans Park Completion ..... 2,500,000  
Battle Park ..... 1,000,000  
Arrowhead Park ..... 1,000,000  
Wrightsboro Park ..... 500,000  
Parkwood Recreation Area ..... 500,000  
Monterey Heights ..... 250,000  
Northern Park ..... 5,000,000  
Planning & Design ..... 500,000  
Water Access ..... 1,000,000  
County Library ..... 500,000  
Cape Fear Museum ..... 500,000  
**County Total ..... \$13,800,000**

### Project Totals

City/County Joint Parks ..... 7,500,000  
Beach Town Parks ..... 600,000  
City Parks ..... 13,600,000  
County Parks ..... 13,800,000  
**Total Parks Projects ..... 35,500,000**